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BAKER RAPS CUBAN TALKS

Says U.S. Pays 'Blackmail
Money' To Castro

[By a Sun Staff Correspondent]

Annapolis, Oct. 11—Joe M. Baker, Jr., attacked the United States Government tonight for paying "blackmail money" to the "petty tyrant, Fidel Castro."

Ridiculing the current Havana talks between attorney James B. Donovan, of New York, and the Cuban Prime Minister, Mr. Baker commented:

"The Kennedy Administration is waging a campaign of deception in the negotiations to release Cuban liberators from Castro's jails."

Mr. Baker, the Republican candidate for Southern Maryland's Fifth district congressional seat, made his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery before the Anne Arundel County Young Republican Organization meeting in Severna Park.

Mr. Donovan, who is in Cuba to attempt to secure the release of the 1,113 captives of the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion, "is feigning to represent Cuban refugees in exile during the negotiations," Mr. Baker said. S.S.S.

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